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Every body should be interested in Rally Day October 12. This year we are adopting a new plan. We will have the Rally Exercises for the Sunday school at 9:30 and are arranging for a special program for the school and at the same time we will have a report from each class giving enrollment and attendance. Start now to work up your class attendance.

Rally service for the church at 10:30 consisting of a special program and services appropriate for the day.

Announcement and invitation cards will be out next Sunday and every one should get a supply and work for a big attendance and renewed interest. Make all the services of this day the special subject of your prayers and then go to work to make them a success.

The special offerings on Rally Day in the Sabbath school and church will be for current expenses. We expect to raise not less than \$60 or \$70. This can easily be done if only the people will have a spirit to give.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Do not forget the council of Sunday school officers and teachers Wednesday evening, October 1, to make complete arrangement for Rally Day and our month's work.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The time is now at hand when we must do something to wake up our Sunday school. There is no reason why we should not have as good a school as any one, as we have the material and ability. All we lack is the will. Let us begin now and work for **Rally Day**, and then see how much we can accomplish by the end of the year. We can only succeed by each one doing his best and will have to get away from the idea of depending upon one or two to do every-

thing. This appeal is to everyone and means YOU. Are you willing to help us.

Yours sincerely,
W. F. CLOSE,
Superintendent.

HOME AGAIN.

"Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble there is no place like home."

After journeying for nearly three months on sea and in far away lands, we are happy to get back again to the home land. We had a safe and pleasant journey and were in every way delighted with our trip, with the countries through which we passed and with the people that we met, but to an American there is no land like the land over which float the "stars and stripes."

To say good-bye to our loved ones, and to many friends, was a trying experience for us. In all our journeyings on the sea we never had any symptoms of sea sickness, but we had now and then symptoms of what was worse, an aching at the heart, which some call homesickness. Before leaving port we had some misgivings about the passage on the sea—the great deep—the rolling billows, and the tempests howl and the distance away from land, but we became reconciled to all this when we remembered that the goings of the Lord are on the deep, as well as on the land, and that they who trust in him are always secure in his keeping, and that at his command the seas calm and the storms abate. We had no fear and He brought us on safely all the way. We are now back again to take up our work. We are sure the trip has done us good in every way, and are anxious to give an accounting of ourselves, to the Lord for his watch-care and mercy.

We hope to serve him with a fuller consecration and trust the church will join hands with us in more aggressive and more efficient work. The people are anxious to know about our trip, and we shall be glad to talk to them about it as we have opportunity. At the Sabbath morning service, September 14, the pastor and wife gave brief reports of the council they attended at Aberdeen, and of the World's Sunday School convention at Zurich. The people were greatly interested in these reports. Mrs. Zartman has consented to furnish reports of our trip for latter issues of the paper.

At the services held Sunday evening, September 21, plans and methods were discussed by which we might be able to awaken a deeper spiritual interest in the church, and begin an aggressive campaign of work for the fall and winter. It is distressing to see the lethargy and indifference in the church, and how people become fascinated by the world, and are caught in its snares and delusions. We are living in an age when the faith and devotion of the very elect of God is being tested, when multitudes are caught in the flood-tides of worldly pleasure and sin and are carried away with them. The church needs to rally its forces and organize for earnest and heroic work. Church members should remember the words of our Lord. "No man can serve two masters, ye cannot serve God and mammon. At the service we had a free discussion of the situation of the church and of what could and should be done. Here are some of the things we need to do: First, every member pray for a spiritual quickening of the church. The first and greatest need of the church is the baptism of fire. Second, loyalty to the service and work of the church. Neglect of worship and attendance upon the service of the church is a sure index of spiritual decay and lethargy. There was an unanimous feeling at this service that if the church is to be a power for God in the

city, and shall receive a blessing then the members must join hands and work. We must have the cooperation of every member. We must have their presence at the services and must have their support, spiritually and financially and in every way. The consistory at a meeting held the first of the month decided upon a house to house canvass of the membership of the church. This action was endorsed by the members present at the service Sabbath evening, September 21. This house to house visitation will be made Sabbath afternoon, Oct. 5th, a week before our Rally day. Nearly all the members present at this special service volunteered to give us their services for this canvass. At the prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, October 1st, the plans for this canvass will be outlined and the workers will be given their territory for visitation.

The health of our people during the absence of the pastor was generally quite good. Mr. H. E. Metzner was laid up with a broken ankle when we left, but upon our return we found him quite well. Gladys Payne had a mastoid operation at the Hope hospital the day before our going away, when we returned she was entirely well. Mrs. Baum has improved some. Miss Rose Goba and Mrs. Saffen were both seriously ill, but have gotten along very nicely. The little boy baby of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Durnel was very sick, but is now improving. Mr. Timmis who had been ailing for more than a year past was very much worse when we returned and has since gone to the eternal world. Miss Maud Frederick has been at the hospital for an operation since our return and is doing very well.

If you have been away during the summer and are in arrears in your payments to the church, now is a good time to pay up. If you have not paid your subscription to the special fund raised on Anniversary day, the secretary will be glad to receive the amount you pledged.

A LAKE GEORGE OUTING.

(Josephine Zartman Diefenbach.)

A summer at Lake George amid the beautiful Adirondacks! Is it not a thing to be anticipated with pleasure? We felt so, particularly when we remembered its nearness to New York, and the fact that on Aug. 12th the Pottsdam, bringing father and mother from their ten-weeks' stay in Europe, would dock in that city, and then we could be together alone for several weeks at the lake. From the time we left home until we arrived here the trip was one filled with interest. From Fort Wayne to Detroit, ferrying over the river on the big boat, then Canada with its fields of grain, its deep gullies, its fences built of old stumps with the roots sticking up in every direction pointing out like long fingers, to Buffalo and Niagara, each part of the journey was delightful. Niagara is always a spot we love to visit and each view of it only deepens the impression made by its grandeur and majesty. The next stage of the journey was to Albany and up to the town of Lake George. It was the last part of the trip though which was the one we had come all these miles to enjoy. From the moment we boarded the stately boat, Horicon, which makes the morning trip, until we docked here each turn, each new view of the water and mountains only made us more satisfied with our decision to see the "summer paradise" of the United States. There is no body of water in this country so beautiful as Lake George. It has rightfully been called "Queen of American Waters." It combines the magnificence of the larger lakes with the beauty and repose of its own mountain shaded shores. It is a gem, set in between the ridges of green. The mountains surround the lake from end to end. At one place they stand like huge boulders, one after the other, then they break into continuous ridges, sloping gently down to the water's edge. Some are ragged and rocky, others green with beautiful trees. Whether it is

because of its setting of green or not, the water is beautiful in color, a positive emerald and clear as crystal. From the sandy beaches until the depth is too great the bottom of the lake is plainly visible, clear mountain spring water, affording excellent bathing. There are 220 islands in the lake, islands of all kinds, some just big rocks, some like huge cushions of green dropped onto the surface, here one alone, there a cluster or two or three. Because of the height of the mountains and narrow strip of water, the lake becomes very rough. The wind sweeps down with great velocity, dashing the waves at times more than ten feet high upon the rocks where our house stands. And how they do pound and roar, and the big white-capped waves chase each other to shore as though they were playing tag.

Many of the mountains are very high, giving us a beautiful changing panorama, sunset, sunrise, clouds and vapor, moonrise and the stars reflected in the water, we have watched each one and exclaimed again and again at the beauties of creation.

This is historic ground and water. Up and down this lake the Indians, English and French helped make American history. As far back as 1642 the "Lake of St. Sacrament" was known, the name being changed to Lake George in honor of King George II in 1755. The great battle of Lake George was fought September 8, 1775, and the monument commemorating the victory bears this inscription, "Confidence inspired by this victory was of inestimable value to the American army in the war of the Revolution."

We are in a cottage, built on an enormous rock jutting out into the water, about twenty miles down the lake. One's first impression of the place is that it is very barren, for the landing is built on the rocks and all that can be seen is mountain and rocks. The place is really beautiful in a rugged, wild way. There is a large hotel ac-

commodating over three hundred people, a smaller hotel and about seventy-five cottages, with a summer population of possibly seven or eight hundred. The real settlement is a small one at the "Corners," about half a mile up the mountain side.

Here the air is fragrant with pine and cedar. In the grove around our house we have five varieties of evergreens, as well as oak, birch and beech.

In our dreams we will often have visions of our walks through the fields studded with buttercups and daisies, past rows of waving goldenrod and sweet button bush, over the meadows and sand-dunes where the ferns grow so thickly. High up old Spruce a mountain brook comes tumbling down in a number of sparkling cascades. At the foot of the highest cascade is a cave in the rocks; on one side of it is the pool formed by the water which falls over a mossy rock about thirty feet. This is a fine place for a picnic; build a fire in the hollow of the big side rocks and roast corn and potatoes. It sounds good but tastes far better with an appetite sharpened by the steep climb. Following the brook on up, up through groves of evergreen, past enormous vine and fern clad rocks, through tangles of huckleberry and blackberry, over carpets of sweet fern and wintergreen, till at last the road is reached, then comes the climb. Past the little mountain school house we go, sometimes it seems almost as though the road goes straight up, but always there are convenient rocks upon which to rest. Each turn of the trail seems steeper and rougher, and it winds around and around till at last the base of Sugar-loaf is reached. That means a climb of about three hundred feet sometimes on hands and knees over the rocks. The view from the top well repays the effort made to reach the summit. Sugar-loaf is 2250 feet high. Black is 2665. From the tops of these the Adirondacks can be seen stretching away for seventy miles, the White Mountains to the east,

and Lake Champlain far to the north are plainly visible. Then, there is the walk to Land's End, along the base of old Elephant, the climb up till the land ends abruptly and you find yourself on a high rock from which there is an excellent view for miles up and down the lake. Spy Rock also gives a fine view of the water and mountains. To Meadow Point and back along the foot of Spruce, a distance of five miles, gives one a good appetite. There are trips by motor boat to Bolton, Sagamore, Sabbath Day Point, Silver Bay, the Hague, Roger's Slide, Baldwin, and several others. All of these settlements as well as many of the islands have interesting and historical stories connected with them.

Fishing is very good; the water is so clear that a "bobber" is scarcely needed. What is better than a dinner of fish just caught, cleaned and put into the pan?

We meet many different types of people, Uncle Jimmy who brings us milk, butter and eggs from over the mountain; Lewis, who "drawed" our wood; the woman who bakes the bread; the tall mountaineer who is marshall; the basket man who comes each week to sell us the beautiful sweet baskets made by the Indians at the camp a few miles up the lake; little Edith May, who thinks the little boys from Indiana are a wonderful pair; the bachelor brothers who live on the top of one of the mountains. We walked up to their house one day, and as soon as they saw us climbing the path they ran for the tin-cup and the well. On their property for days past a mountain fire has been raging, burning acres and acres of timber, a terrifying sight at night when the whole top of the mountain seems to be shooting out flames.

Already the trees are beginning to turn yellow, brown and red, and before we go home we hope to see the sides of the mountains painted in Jack Frost's colors.

Would we come here again? Indeed

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we would, every summer if it were possible, so much have we enjoyed our weeks here and so greatly have we been benefited by the sweet, fresh air. We will never forget our days of rest and recreation, the walks, the rides on the waves, but the memory that will linger the longest will be of the beautiful water with its encircling hills and the yellow cottage on the big rocks.

There have been a number of new arrivals in the church in recent months. A daughter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heyman; a son in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Masel; a daughter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Shultz; a son in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stewart, and a daughter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ber- cot.

Mr. Irving Bitner spent July and August at home. Everybody was glad to see him again. We were pleased to get home before his departure to the west. He is the same congenial, good christian young man that he has always been. How much we have missed him in our church and how happy we would have been if he could have remained with us and helped us in our work. He left home Wednesday afternoon, September 3rd for Santiago Calif., where he has again entered the service of the Forestry Department of the U. S. He had a pleasant trip through the west and arrived safely on the coast.

Miss Esther Weiler entered Heidelberg university at the opening of the fall term, September 10th. She entered the freshmen year, and expects to take the full four-year course. Her brother Arthur accompanied her to Tiffin and saw that she got started all right. They were very much pleased with every thing at the university. Esther has a room at Williard Hall, where we are sure she is pleasantly located. She was an industrious student in the high school and we have no fears for her success at the university. We hope to have some more of our young people at Heidelberg by another year;

it is one of the best schools in the middle west. It ranks with any of the leading colleges in the land.

The fall communion services will be held Sabbath morning October 17. Every member of the church should be at this service.

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The Adult Bible class is going to get busy to enlarge its enrolment. If you are not already in the class come along, we want you.

Mr. Shiffer's class of young men in the Sunday school have organized and are busy at work to enlist all the young men in the church in their class. They have chosen the name Agenda for their class. On Monday evening, September 29, they will meet in the lecture room of the church. We are told there are some surprises in store for the young men at that meeting.

Upon our arrival at New York, August 12th, we were met by our daughter, and accompanied her to Huletts Landing, on Lake George, where we spent a few weeks before coming to Fort Wayne. We had a most delightful time at this place up in the Adirondacks. Lake George is one of the prettiest lakes we ever saw and the climate is ideal for a summer resort. The mountain scenery is picturesque. We did some vigorous mountain climbing while there, especially the day we scaled Old Black to its highest peak. Miss McKinney, principal in one of the schools in Philadelphia, a companion on our homeward journey on the Potsdam, accompanied us to Hulett's Landing, and added much to our enjoyment, while we were there. She is an excellent christian lady, and is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church.

The Fort District C. E. Convention will be held in the Reformed Church at Bluffton October 3rd.

The monthly business meeting of the Young People's Society will be held Tuesday evening, Oct. 7th.

The annual meeting of the Ohio Synod will be held in Mulberry, Ind., Wednesday, Oct. 8, to 12th.

Mrs. Frank Leikauf and Mrs. Zartman attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, which convened at Tiffin, Ohio, Sept. 23rd. They had a very pleasant meeting and a large attendance.

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